

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 13th April 2016 in Millennium Hall at 7pm

1. Minutes of meeting held on 13th April 2015 were approved

2. Chairman's Report – Cllr Dick Brake

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting for Marsworth. Whilst the Parish Council is well represented here I would stress that the meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting but is one for the whole village to participate in. Our task is to ensure the meeting takes place, and is properly managed and recorded, and also to report on the main aspects of the Parish Council activity over the past year.

Firstly I want to thank my fellow councillors and clerk for their efforts over the past year. Councillors give their time freely and often this involves hours of commitment and inconvenience. This year has been relatively quiet for the Parish Council, This year has been relatively quiet for the Parish Council, Watery Lane closure has been put in place, and extensive work at the Recreation ground has taken place to improve the play area and entrance. The adult equipment that has been installed is being used by residents. There are still monies available for further equipment, so any ideas please let us know. We have, for two years, been trying to get Bucks Highways to dig the banks back in Church Lane to the edge of the tarmac and despite their promises we are still waiting. This also goes for the Bridle path by College Farm and also Watery Lane, both were supposed to have had vegetation cut back we will pursue them to carry out the work. The footpath to Pitstone is proceeding and we at this time we are trying to raise funding for it.

3. No report received from Canal and River Trust.

4. BCC Councillor's report – Cllr Avril Davies not in attendance

5. Reports from:-

1) Village Newsletter – Neil Waterman

With the Marsworth News ("MN") now well established and well received I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for creating, producing and delivering such an excellent read.

Sandra Costello, Elaine Standen and Chas Pearson have all edited and produced the MN over the last year and we are delighted that Christine John has also joined the team. Graham Dickinson continues to bless us with his knowledge on the look and design and is an asset to the proof reading effort.

The committee creating the MN also includes and is grateful to Lynda and Dick Brake and Josie and Evan Kempster, Annie Sandon and Neil Waterman for their support, ideas, copy and reviews.

Contributors are increasing and thanks go out to Carole Hawkins, Josie Evans, Bumpkin, Bugs in the Garden, Paul Simmons, Angela Polatci, Margaret Johnson and Revd Adrian Manning for their continued copy.

Annie has done a great job again over the last year on advertising and some good collections in March have help increase the funds.

Luckily the task of delivering the MNs is shared among 15 willing volunteers and it was great to see many of them at our December gathering at the Red Lion. Thanks goes out to them all.

Sadly we lost Brian Allen in January. Brian for more years than can be remembered looked after the printing of the MNs and is missed.

As for funds, we are seeing an increase in advertising income and a fall in printing costs so all good news and all helped by the fantastic voluntary effort of all mentioned above. We currently have enough funds for well over a year of print.

2) Millennium Hall - Neil Waterman

The Committee meets monthly and currently consists of 8 members with user / club representatives only from the Parish Council. There's plenty of room on the committee with vacancies for representatives from Pre School, School, Church, WI and any other group / society that uses the hall.

Thanks to the Committee, consisting of;

Josie Kempster - Chairperson
Evan Kempster – Parish Council
Steve White - Vice Chair (resigned April'16)
John Kearsley – Co opted Committee Member
Neil Waterman – Treasurer
Sue Hutton – WI (resigned April'16)
Francis Brown - Bookings Secretary
Michelle Churchill – Co opted member
Lynda Brake – Secretary
Dick Brake – Co opted member
vacancies – Pre School, School, WI, Church, Bridge

We are a Charity (Marsworth Social Centre no 205732) and our year end is 31st March.

We have a paid caretaker / cleaner Michelle Churchill 6hrs per week.

Hall income has dropped as we lost the Pilates group run by Jackie Crane and Toddlers on Tuesday afternoons. We received c£8.6k compared to previous years £9.2k.

Regular user income includes:

Pre School 56% of the total hall hire income - Mornings and Afternoons

Badminton – Mondays and Thursday evenings

Dance – Wednesdays

Free Hall – Friday evenings

Monthly etc - WI, Bridge, School, Church, Parish Council

Palates was held in the Mike Frost room.

New soft play activity is being held on Tuesday afternoons and I hear is being well attended

Occasional income (children's parties for example) – approx. 30 events per annum

Complaints – None in the past 12 months.

Damage – None in the past 12 months.

Issues – Water coming in through the fire exit doors.

Our Income is supplemented with a few annual fundraising events

- Fireworks on the recreation ground – For the last three years the fireworks have been sourced by the committee to make the event viable. Nov15 made £533.
- Christmas Bazaar was well attended and attracted a good variety of stall holders and contributed £111. Thanks to Ken and Betty Longhurst for running the mulled wine stall.
- The 100 Club (currently has 244 members paid up to May 2017) - £2,000 (£3,000 in prize money will be given out over this period)

016/17 financial year to 31 March 2015 will see a net cash inflow of around £1,000. Thanks to two grants received from Bucks CC £1,000 and the Steam Rally £2,000. Major expenditure was on refurb kitchen units and the purchase and install of the defibrillator.

The solar panels cost £7,725 to install in Aug 2012.

Now getting 24.31p per unit of electricity produced - £2.6k has been received to date (11.3 year pay

back !!).

Bookings for the hall and upstairs room are not quite at the level we would hope and the committee continue to looking into marketing and advertising the hall.

3) Women's Institute – Elsie Beesley

It has been another very busy and enjoyable year for the members of Marsworth Women's Institute. The WI movement was celebrating its centenary and we, in Buckinghamshire held various events to commemorate this. In June 40 members and friends travelled by coach to Waddesdon Manor and in glorious sunshine enjoyed a garden party. Josie Kempster represented Marsworth at a garden party at Buckingham Palace but we were not given the opportunity to attend the AGM, attended by the Queen and other Royal ladies, at the Royal Albert Hall as it was not our turn to send a delegate! We organised a really interesting tour of the Arla factory and some of us visited Waterperry Gardens. We continue to maintain our Jubilee garden, Margaret Booth's rose and bench in the recreation ground. We have just rubbed down the bench ready for treating. Our charity for last year was All Saint's Church and six of our members have been working pew runners for the choir, priest and Bishop seats. Adrian Manning, our Parish Priest will be dedicating them at a special service in June. You may also have noted the new roses planted either side of the path leading up to the Church and the plaque place in front of the centenary Rose. Marsworth WI was formed in June 1946 so we are celebrating our own birthday with a street party theme at our June meeting. We are working hard compiling scrapbooks with information and photographs on the last 70 years. I have found it fascinating as I have been a member since the early 70's and my mother was one of our first members.

Finally it is gratifying that our membership is growing every month with the women of families moving to Marsworth wanting to be part of our group. Our numbers have

Ticked along for many years at 32ish, but we now have 47 members with 3 ladies about to join us. Plus a first for our WI for many years. One of our new younger ladies is getting married in July so happy days for Marsworth Women's Institute.

4) Marsworth Charity – Matthew Carter

We had a Charity meeting earlier this week. So that you are aware, I am standing down as Chairman and Trustee as, following my retirement and after 27 years in Marsworth, we are going to look to move to westwards. Our constitution says we should have the following Trustees: One person appointed by Marsworth Parish Council One person appointed by Marsworth Parochial Church Council One person appointed by Governing Body of Marsworth C of E First school Two persons elected for a term of three years by the Marsworth Annual Parish Meeting

We agreed I would ask Adrian as the Vicar and he has accepted to represent the PCC and Paul Egan Carter has accepted to represent the school. Margaret Johnson and Chris Kew need to get elected and re-elected for the next three years by the Parish Council at the AGM in May to represent the village; leaving one representative to be appointed to represent the PC. Please can you add this to the agenda at the AGM in May to make an election and then let Chris Kew (Charity Secretary) know (cc'd into this email). The Charity is very limited in its funds and our only asset is a 4ac paddock known as the Gravel Pit field located up the track past College Farm in the village. The field is let on an Agricultural Holdings Act tenancy to Amanda Rawding who pays f320 per annum. We currently hold about f3000 in the accounts. We hold two meetings a year the next one will be 9th September 2015, 8pm at Chris's house, Long Moat, 75 Vicarage Road HP23 4LU. Our objective is to apply the income "for such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Marsworth as the Trustees think fit".

5) The Marsworth Bridge Club – Betty Longhurst

The Marsworth Bridge Club continues to meet monthly in the Village Hall on the evening of the second Tuesday of every month as it has done for many years. We regularly have four tables playing duplicate bridge and we would still like to increase our numbers a little from this level if possible. New playing members will always be made very welcome at our friendly and relaxed evening of duplicate bridge. Surplus funds from the Club continue to be donated to All Saints Church in Marsworth and last

August the Club also sponsored an arrangement at the Marsworth Flower Festival.

Once again I ran a large charity bridge lunch in the Hall last February and this year the profits of £2,300 were shared between The Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted and Rennie Grove Hospice Care. I also organised another lunch and afternoon of bridge last July which raised £1,295 in support of the 2015 Flower Festival.

Betty Longhurst

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6) Marsworth CofE Infants School – Headmistress ,Mrs A Polatci

Personnel: I am now into my second year of headship. Mrs Jenny Nurden supports me in Class 2. Mrs Jan Stevens takes Class I (Nursery and Reception) all day Tuesday to Friday supported by Mrs Wendy Casterton. Mrs Emma Thompson was appointed in January 2015 and takes Yr I and Reception all day Monday and four afternoons when I have Office time. Mrs Stevens also takes the Music tuition for the school. Mrs Eccles takes the Year 2's for recorders and keyboards. For this school Year we have two extra SEN support staff , Mrs Carter and Mrs Oxley. Mrs Pankiw is our Bursar/secretary and Mrs Haig, Mrs Carter, Ms Wells and Mrs Hobart are our Midday Supervisors. Mr Brood continues to be our caretaker.

Group Membership: The school continues to be a member of the following groups:

. Network Learning Community of Schools; Buckingham Sports Partnership; Federation of Small Schools Group

Buckingham Sports Partnership has provided various sporting events for our Year 2 children: Multi-skills sporting events at Cottesloe School; Small Schools Sports Festival at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. These events are continuing due to the new Government Sports Funding to Schools. This is going to continue for at least the next year.

Our Level 3 Travel Plan Status has been renewed because of our continued activities in this area. The children enjoy having their "Go for Gold" cords stamped daily by Mrs Pankiw. This is a Travel Plan initiative encouraging children to walk to school.

Facilities/resources

Mrs Caron Owens (Premises Governor) carries out termly inspections of our premises with Mrs Angela Polatci. She brings a great deal of expertise to this aspect of school life.

Refurbishment/Maintenance - Our biggest project this year was replacing the canopy at the back of the school with a larger, more enclosed structure which enables us to carry out the Early Years curriculum with outdoor play. This was achieved mainly with a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. Ongoing projects are having our boundary wall repainted/replaced and general refurbishment.

Outside Activities: The school joined the village at All Saints Church, Marsworth for the annual Harvest Festival service. We then held a sale of produce and the funds raised were donated to UNICEF.

For the UNICEF Day for Change the children came in ordinary clothes and paid to do this. Their contribution was then sent off to UNICEF.

These activities, and through our RE lessons studying different countries, help the children to understand about life in other parts of the world.

As a change from our Science week, we will have a number of Science days during the school year linked to the different seasons. We also held a Moths week carrying out lots of investigations and

problem solving.

Our Friends of Marsworth School continue to hold a variety of events in aid of our school. We have purchased a number of resources for the school thanks to these events.

Life of Marsworth School, as you can see, continues to be varied and enjoyable.

We would also like to add our thanks to the whole village for their valued support of our school - it is much appreciated.

Mrs Angela Polatci Headteacher

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.